

Minutes

The Villages Deep Sea Fishing Club April 3, 2023

President Ken Jagodzinski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 168 members in attendance.

Membership update

President Ken advised the members that the March 31st date to renew annual memberships had passed and the Club has removed those members that chose not to renew for 2023. As of 4/1/2023, the Deep Sea Fishing Club has 468 dues paying members. While we dropped a significant number, we are still a large and robust Club.

President Ken asked the members “So, what does your \$10 annual dues get for you?” He shared that in April alone, 66 trips were available for booking. He shared that a Club goal was to maintain and grow our existing partnerships. The Club is actively looking for new and innovative fishing opportunities as evidenced by the numerous new boats and Captains the Club has recruited in the last few months. President Ken also highlighted the 4 new trip Coordinators.

Volunteer recognition

President Ken shared that the Club’s success and growth would not be possible without the hard working and valued volunteers. He asked the following groups/people to stand and be recognized:

The Club’s Board of Directors

Trip Coordinators

Registration Table

50/50 ticket sales

Al Anderson – Communications Coordinator

Steve Bowlus – Coordinator of Content

Dave Easton – New member orientation Coordinator

Charlie Pryde – fishing consultant

Everett Belter – Fish Fry Picnic Team

Odds & Ends

- The Spring Fish Fry will be Thursday, April 6th. Cost of tickets will be \$12 (each) per member and guest. Tickets will be available for purchase at the April monthly meeting. Fish donations will be encouraged. Members were advised that this event is being changed to a BYOB (Bring your own “Adult” Beverage). The Club will continue to provide soda and water. Any member that has previously purchased a ticket and no

longer wants to attend the picnic due to this change, can get a refund. Steve Newman will fulfill these requests.

- Members were reminded of the Club's monthly newsletter, Facebook page and Website. Members were encouraged to become familiar with each resource as they contain much helpful information on Club activities.
- President Ken advised the Club members that Club Secretary Ida Donegan will be stepping down for personal reasons. He asked members to consider stepping up to fill this key Board position.

Coordinator reports from March

All coordinators reported solid fishing reports for their Captains. Presenters included Steve Newman (Thunder), Jim Scheer (numerous Captains), Bruce Speck (Carl Robinson), Tony Delli Carpini (Circle Hook), John Hogan (Stars & Stripes) and Jaye Wolfe (Ray Moses), Gary Doerfert (American Hunter).

NEW members

Ida Donnegan reported 26 new members signed up at the March meeting. All new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves. Ken invited the new members to stay for a brief orientation meeting with Dave Easthon.

Open Forum

Several members shared items during this segment.

Financial Report

Treasurer Steve Newman gave the financial report.

Guest Speaker

There was no guest speaker as the schedule Captain had compelling personal matters that he needed to attend to.

100% Raffle

The club raffled off eight (10) \$50 vouchers that can be used on any Club trip. Congratulations to the winners.

Next meeting is Monday, May 3, 2023 at Everglades Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.